## GENERAL BYLAW AND POLICY NOTICES

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Rugby	Notice #1 Current:	: Policy	- Section XI	v-Rugby,4. Repres	entation at Provincials, page 112
Commissioner		).	0		participate in the provincial tournament by April 15. Determination of le following the May 1 registration deadline.
	Proposed:				
	•	).			participate in the provincial tournament by May 1. Determination of le following the May 1 registration deadline.
	Rationale:				
				nes can't declare int gby Deadline is May	tentions until they know who officially has a team and what tier they $1^{\mathrm{st}}$ .
Rugby	Current:				sentation at Provincials, page 113
Commissioner	's N	lote 2.	The Rugby Co three years p		culate provincial champion history for teams representing their zones for chool year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time able below: Points 6
				Silver Bronze	5 4
				4 <sup>th</sup>	3
				Consolation	3
				6 <sup>th</sup>	2
				7 <sup>th</sup>	1
				8 <sup>th</sup>	0
			ii.	Second and th	ional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. aird additional berths will be awarded to the zone with the second and point totals. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final bert
					the highest standing at the competition of the previous provincial tournament will be allocated the additional berth.
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7 <sup>th</sup>	1
8 <sup>th</sup>	0

ii.

Only the top placing team from each zone will be counted and a cumulative three-year total for each zone will be calculated. The first additional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the zone with the second and third highest point totals. If there is a tie between two or

more zones for the final berth, the zone with the highest standing at the competition of the previous provincial championship tournament will be allocated the additional berth.

### **Rationale:**

In Rugby, wild card berths are dependent upon zones fielding teams. The number of wild card berths are not always consistent. With all but one team receiving points, it will make it almost impossible for zones to gain a wild card berth when they only have one team in the championship.

# Notice #3: Policy - Section XIV -Rugby, 5. Events, page 114

### **Current**:

Girls Rugby Β. Length of provincial tournament games will be determined by tournament format to keep within the World Rugby Commissioner maximum number of minutes allowed

### Proposed to Add:

Friday's games will be 40 minutes no overtime - Saturday's games will be 60 minute games with a 10 minute 3. overtime.

### **Rationale:**

Every Region with the exception of Edmonton plays 60 minute games during the regular season. Having time available for overtime would be better than going straight to kicks to decide the outcome.

### Notice #4: Policy – Section XIV – Rugby, 1. Rules, Addition of new item, page 111 **Current**:

### Rugby Commissioners

### Proposed:

NEW

- F. Length of Yellow Cards
- 40 minute games 7 minute yellow card i.
- ii. 60 minute games - 10 minute yellow card

### **Rationale:**

Needs to be in policy so it is clear for players, coaches and officials

# Notice #5: Policy – Section XIV – Rugby, 5. Events, Addition of new item, pages 114-15 Current:

### Rugby Commissioners

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### **Proposed:**

G. 9 Team Rugby Draw

i. Teams will be split into 3 pools based on Rankings. Rankings will be adjusted to avoid a zone match up in the Round Robin only

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	
1	2	3	
6	5	4	40 min games
7	8	9	
1 vs 6	2 vs 8	3 vs 9	First Round
6 vs 7	5 vs 8	4 vs 9	Middle Round
1 vs 7	2 vs 5	3 vs 4	Final Round

- ii. Any ties during Round Robin will break the tie using the tie breaking procedure in policy. (Drop Kicks) This does not mean the won the match but can be used if needed to break a tie with the point system.
- iii. The top team from each pool and the top 2<sup>nd</sup> place team using the point system will move onto the championship side on Saturday. The remaining teams will be ranked 5-9 using the point system.
- iv. (Policy Handbook 2009-2010) Teams will earn points in the standings after each game according to the following:
  - Win 4 points
  - Draw 2 points
  - Loss of 7 points of less 1 point
  - Four (4) tries or more 1 point
  - Loss 0 points
- v. The standings at the completion of the round robin will be determined by the ranking of teams according to points awarded above.
- vi. If, at the conclusion of the round robin, there is a tie between teams based on points awarded, the team with the better win/loss record against the teams with which they are tied shall be deemed higher in the standings.
  - If the teams are tied had a draw in the round robin, the team that won in drop kicks will be ranked ahead
- vii. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most tries in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- viii. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most goals (converted tries being of higher value than unconverted tries) in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- ix. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most drop goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.

- x. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most penalty goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- xi. If there is still a tie, the team that has a higher points differential (game points for divided by points against) shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- xii. If there is still a tie, the above process will begin again and include complete pool results.
- xiii. If there is still a tie, the tied teams will use the drop kick policy to break the tie.
- xiv. Championship Draw:
  - The teams that advance to the Championship Draw will be ranked using pre-tournament rankings. Semi-finals followed by a Championship game and a bronze medal game. Zone teams may play in the semi-finals against each other. Previous opponents may also play against each other again in the semi-finals.

1st		
4th		
	Final	
3rd		Champion
2nd		

xv. Teams finishing 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> will compete for the consolation championship. Teams 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> will compete for 7<sup>th</sup> place.

		5th	
			Consolation
	6th		
	7th		
		Loser 6th vs 7th	
			7th
	8th		
9th	9th		

**Rationale:** 

Shouldn't need this draw with the switch to 3 tiers, but should have it in place if it is needed.

# Botice #6: Policy - Section XVI- Rugby, 4. Representation to Provincials, page 113-114 Sommissioner Note 3. The host committee will receive an automatic berth to the provincial championship for one boys and one girls team. The berths will be in the Tier the teams fall under in 3.A. Eligibility. If a team decides to opt-up, the host berth will be forfeited. Appeals of this forfeiture may be made to the ASAA Executive. If hosting joint between schools, the berth shall be in the Tier and gender each school is hosting. 4. Vacancies. Proposed: Note 3. The host committee will receive an automatic berth to the provincial championship for one boys and one girls team and one girls team Note 3. The host committee will receive an automatic berth to the provincial championship for one boys and one girls team

Rationale: The purpose of this policy change is to encourage schools to host by ensuring them a berth for both their girls and boys teams in the tier that they wish to compete in. The current policy will not allow host school or zone teams to get a berth in the tier they normally compete in. Example: HTA boys Raymond girls play Tier I every year. If they planned on hosting they wouldn't get an automatic berth in the tournament they would be hosting.

	Notice #7: Policy – Section XVI– Rugby, 4. Representation to Provincials, Addition of New Item, page 112
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Boys Rugby Commissioner		NEW
	Proposed:	
		Schools opting up tiers will compete at that tier for 2 consecutive ASAA Seasons of Play.

Rationale:

It has become increasingly difficult to rank zones effectively for various reasons, one of which is schools that opt up based on the strength of their team in one season. This often occurs in the same school year as an overseas tour. By having a lower ranking, it skews the draw. For example, the 8<sup>th</sup> seed in Tier 1 Boys ended up being the provincial champion in June. By having to compete in a tier for two years, we are hoping teams take a more reserved approach to opting up.

Notice #8: Policy - Section XVI- Rugby, 5. Events, C., page 114

# Rugby Current:

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C. A minimum of three approved fields in one location for a combined boys and girls tier tournament is required.

### Proposed:

C. A minimum of two approved fields in one location for a combined boys and girls tier tournament is required.

### **Rationale:**

Though having a third field would be nice, but it is not required in order to be able to host a single tier tournament.

# Notice #9: Policy - Section XVII- Team Handball, 4. Representation to Provincials, D. page 118 Current: Current: Team Handball D. Point For representation to Provincial playoff structure will be as follows: North West Calgary North Central South North East Central Edmonton South Central Host School/Zone Host School/Zone

### Proposed:

For representation/participation the provincial playoff structure will be as follows:

D.1 Tier 1: Representation/participation for the Tier 1 Provincial Championships will be determined based on the number of registered teams in each zone. Zones with more than one team registered to play in a play-down or league will be guaranteed an automatic berth. Host schools will also receive an automatic berth. Any zone that only has one team registered will be required to participate in another zone's play-down; this will be coordinated by the Commissioner with the support of the Executive Director. The number of the extra berths allocated to the zone with the additional teams will be determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner will use a combination of: number of teams in a given zone and the zone's historical placing at previous provincial championships to allocate additional berths.

### D. 2 Tier 2:

North West	Calgary
North Central	South
North East	Central
Edmonton	South Central
Host School/Zone	

### Rationale:

The existing policy allows for 9 teams to participate in a provincial championship but currently we do not require hosts to have enough gym space to accommodate this type of draw. Due to space requirements, in 2012-13 we reduced the number of teams to 6 per side for the Tier 1 Provincial Championships. Zones who have consistently participated at Provincial Championships include Edmonton, Central, and North Central. Edmonton & Central Zone participate in leagues &/or play-downs and North Central has traditionally received an automatic berth. Some years we have had zones register a single team for participation & they were granted one of these berths. These teams generally came unprepared and with little to no game experience prior to provincials. Asking these teams to play in a play-down ensures that they will have game experience prior to provincials.